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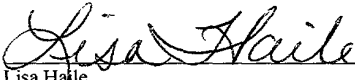
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Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT OR CAPILLARY-BASED SCREENING FOR A
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Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date under
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This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC § 120 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/894,956, filed June 27, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/790,321, filed February 21, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,219, filed October 12, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,432, filed October 10, 2000; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/444,112, filed November 22, 1999; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/098,206, filed June 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,673, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/876,276, filed June 16, 1997; this application also claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/738,871, filed December 14, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,432, filed October 10, 2000, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/444,112, filed November 22, 1999; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/098,206, filed June 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,673, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/876,276, filed June 16, 1997; this application also claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/309,101 filed on July 31, 2001, and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Preliminarily, on page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert— The present application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC § 120 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/894,956, filed June 27, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/790,321, filed February 21, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,219, filed October 12, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,432, filed October 10, 2000; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/444,112, filed November 22, 1999; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/098,206, filed June 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,673, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/876,276, filed June 16, 1997; this application also claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/738,871, filed December 14, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,432, filed October 10, 2000, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/444,112, filed November 22, 1999; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/098,206, filed June 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,673, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/876,276, filed June 16, 1997; this application also claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/309,101 filed on July 31, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.--

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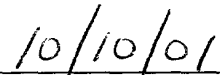
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